

# **DNREC hosts Reclaim Our River, Nanticoke Series guided nature walk and celebration Saturday, Oct. 3**



Alice Mohrman (left), Delaware Nature Society education coordinator, shows off “creek critters” for youngsters at an earlier Reclaim Our River, Nanticoke Series event.

**SEAFORD** – Chapel Branch Nature Area will be the setting Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a nature walk that marks the final event in the 2015 Reclaim Our River (ROR), Nanticoke Series, a program offering monthly events, workshops and recreational activities aimed at raising water quality awareness in the Nanticoke Watershed. DNREC along with the Delaware Nature Society, Nanticoke Watershed Alliance, and the Nanticoke River Watershed Conservancy, invites everyone to the event where the ROR partnership will also celebrate the series’ efforts to highlight water quality awareness while providing fun outdoor activities for the entire family.

For a \$5 registration fee (plus \$1.12 credit card fee) participants can enjoy food, drinks, and informational exhibits by the ROR partnership, as well as a nature walk where guides will discuss native wildlife. There will be hands-on activities exploring the “creek critters” of Chapel Branch with DNS as well as demonstrations on how to test water quality with the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance’s Creekwatchers.

Local Boy scouts and other willing participants will lend a volunteering hand to the nature area by working on trail maintenance to reduce erosion into the creek – volunteers are always welcome for helping maintain this beautiful area. Some tools will be available for use although volunteers are encouraged to bring additional items such as clippers, shovels, saws and wheelbarrows which may be in short supply. The focus of this volunteer service project will be building trail steps to reduce erosion.

The nature walk and ROR celebration are sponsored by Del-Coast Design & Build and Dogfish Head Brewery. Raffle items provided by sponsors include a \$500-value trash and recycling storage shed from Del-Coast Design & Build, as well as apparel and other items from Dogfish Head Brewery. The Chapel Branch Nature Day will also have on hand experts to educate event attendees on techniques used to improve water quality by reducing nutrient and sediment pollution entering Delaware's waterways.

The Chapel Branch Nature Area is located at 492 Woodland Road Seaford, DE 19973. More information about the final 2015 ROR, Nanticoke Series event can be found at <http://delawarewatersheds.org/> . Registration can be done at <http://tinyurl.com/chapelbranch> while a flyer for the event can be found on the [DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship website](#) (PDF).

*The Reclaim Our River, Nanticoke Series co-sponsored by DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship is designed to bring monthly events, workshops and recreational activities to the Nanticoke Watershed. The series offers participants fun opportunities to connect with their waterways and provides important information on water quality to help protect aquatic resources. Chapel Branch Nature Area is managed by the Nanticoke River Watershed Conservancy a local land trust protecting lands within western Sussex County and protecting the Chapel Branch Nature Area in perpetuity.*

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